

CALFED Long term Governance Oversight Functions

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1. *Oversight of CALFED program implementation.* General oversight functions for an oversight entity include developing policies and making decisions in order to achieve program goals and objectives, provide overall program direction, and provide for balanced implementation and continuous improvement. The oversight entity would also be the forum for assessing overall achievement of program goals and objectives. The assessment would be based on progress reports provided by the implementation entities responsible for program management and implementation. The oversight entity would also be responsible for modification, as needed, of program goals and objectives which would be done in coordination with the implementation entities.
2. *Budget Review and Approval.* The oversight entity will be responsible for review and approval of program priorities and budgets. This will need to be coordinated with the Resources Agency and federal agency review and approval process to avoid delays and inconsistent approvals. Since the state and federal agencies with current review and approval authority are expected to be part of the oversight entity this coordination should be easily accomplished.
3. *Coordination and dispute resolution.* The oversight entity will provide a forum for dispute resolution between CALFED implementing entities. The level of involvement by the oversight entity in the coordination of actions/programs between the implementing entities may vary between programs.
4. *Coordination of Related Programs.* The oversight entity should provide for coordination of the CALFED program with other related programs as needed to ensure achievement of CALFED goals and objectives and to reduce conflicts with other programs.
5. *Stakeholder and Legislative Communication.* Although each program element will continue to work with stakeholders, the oversight entity should provide the central forum for stakeholder communication. The oversight entity should also be the central forum for communicating to Congress and the Legislature on program progress and for reviewing and submitting legislative proposals.